

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, first paragraph:

An example of a switching device intended for use in a sub-sea application, is shown in the international publication WO 98/21785. The switching device shown comprises an ingoing and an outgoing conductor connected to two mutually spaced ~~mail~~ male parts mounted along a common centerline and a middle-piece provided within the space between the ~~mail~~ male parts. The middle-piece is provided with two contact elements in the form of two female parts, which can be moved into contact with the respective housings. The movement of the contact elements can be controlled by a remote control system. The conductors are connected by moving the female parts in opposite directions along the common centerline until the female parts are in coupling engagement with the male parts. Accordingly, the conductors are connected and disconnected by means of an axial movement of the contact elements. A disadvantage of this prior art switching device is that it is complicated and comprises several moving parts.

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The ~~Invention~~ invention will now be explained more closely by the description of different embodiments thereof and with reference to the appended figures.

Page 7, second paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows a longitudinal cross-section of a switching device according to a ~~first~~ second embodiment of the invention where the movable element is in a first position (right ~~left~~ side set of conductors connected).

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Fig. 2 shows the switching device in Fig. 1, where the movable element is in a ~~second~~ first position (left ~~right~~ side set of conductors connected).

Page 10, third paragraph:

When the moveable element 5 is in its lower position, the second contact member 21 is located below the upper conducting portion 17 and is displaced therefrom a distance as shown by "b" in Fig. 2. Accordingly, the current cannot pass from the upper conducting portion 17 to the second contact member 21. Therefore, when the moveable element 5 is in its lower position, the ingoing conductor 1 and the outgoing conductor 3 are disconnected.